Paris June 23rd. 1777

Dear Sir

I received in course yours to Mr Deane, now absent, & your obliging favor to me — The first I communicated to Dr Franklin According to Hynsons description of the Anonyme, we are all sorry here any thing was put into her at all — as it will be giving her Cargo either to the Waves or the English — The moment Mr D returns I shall urge him to answer that part of your letter respecting the equipping of a Privateer. for my own part, I doubt not, but that he will readily coincide with Dr F. who seems not averse to the measure — An accident has happend to the Captn of a Little Privateer from Maryland which offers a temporary place to either Hynson or Potter — The Man sufferd himself to be kidnapped even in the road of Cherbourg & is carried off to England as we suppose, in the mean time there is not one of his crew who understands navigation & they are totally dispirited by the loss of their Captn. I proposed Hynson to succeed him as the Sailors belonging to her must all know him & that Potter should take the Anonyme if she goes out. The next post will determine this matter in the mean time you can consult them abt it — your acct. of Hood surprizes me only in one circumstance which is that he did not leave more to regret his absence — Be assured my Dear Sir, that I will never be long in your debt whenever you choose to credit me with a letter, as nothing can give me more pleasure than frequent opportunities of assuring you how much I am Yours &c.

Wm Carmichael

Peace is made between Spain & Portugal greatly to the advantage & satisfaction of the former

I write Mr Ross & Hynson, to whom remember me, Next Post —

The Privateer I mention was formerly Middletons pilot Boat named the Eden Hynson knows her well

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Monsieur Williams

Chez Monsr Schweighauser

a Nantes

Mr Carmichael June 23. 1777
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